tensions. Some specific steps being taken by India in this regard are :

(*i*) India is expanding and improving its own Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme, which currently covers over 60 developing countries so as to make it more effective and purposive.

(*ii*) At the Nonaligned Summit held in Balgrade in September, 1989, India played a leading role in the establishment of a Summit Level Group of 15 countries for South-South Consultations and Cooperation.

(*iii*) India is fully supporting the South Commission which has been set up , among others, to review the present state of South-South cooperation and to make recommandations for expanding and strengthening it. India hosted the last meeting of the South Commission in New Delhi in November, 1989.

(*iv*) The Nonaligned Movement's Centre on Science pnd Technology has reently been set up in India, It is expected to become an important instrument for fostering cooperating among developing countries in the field of science and technology.

(b) The SAARC provides the forum for regional copperation in economic, social, technical and cultural areas, among the member countries and is thus an important aspect of South-South cooperation.

(c) India has advocated and worked for the adoption and implementation of schemes for greater people-to-people contact, free flow of information, harmonisation of policies in critical areas of cooperation and for the inclusion within the scope of SAARC, of core economic sectors such as trade, industry, money and finance.

Target for setting up of low power transmitters

272. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what were the targets of setting up of low Power Transmitters during the last two years of Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(b) whether these targets have been fulfilled ;

(c) if, so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reaosons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) to (d) 292 low power/very low power TV transmitters and transposers were scheduled to be commissioned into service during the last two years of Seventh Plan, *i.e.* 1988-89 and 1989-90. Where as 264 of these transmitters/transposers have been so far commissioned into service, the remaining ones are at various stages of implementation.

Second channel in Doordarshan Kendras

273. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal at present to have second channel in Doordarshan Kendras of Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not rise.

(c) As per the approved Plan Schemes of Doordarshan Second Channel service was envisaged to be introduced in the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras only in view of the cosmopolitan character of the population of these cities. No funds have been allocated under VII Plan for introduction of similar service in any other city. However, provision of second channel in other important cities will be considered in VIII Plan.

Completion of national highway bye-pass on Pune-Bangalore road

274. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) by when the National Highway bye-pass on the Pune-Bangalore Road connecting Dehu Road to Satara Road is likely to be completed ; and

(b) what are the reasons for the slow implementation of this Project ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) and (b). Due to constraints of resources, the work on the bye-pass which is 34.25 kms. long is being executed in phases. The work has been divided into seven sections, out of which the work of the first two sections has been completed and opened to traffic. The position of the work in different sections is as under :–

Section	Date of Sanction	Present Status
Section I—Km. 0 to 6/120	December 1979	Completed
Section IIA—Km. 6/120 to 9/480 . . .	December 1983	Completed
Section IIB—Km. 9/480 to 14/360 . . .	March 1985	85% Progress achieved.
Section IIC—Km. 14/360 to 22/00 . . .	March 1989	Work just started.
Section III—Km. 22/00 to 27/420 . . .	March 1989	Award of work is in progress.
Section IVA—Km. 27/420 to 29/800 . . .	December 1989	Sanctioned recently.
Section IVB—Km. 29/800 to 34/250 . . .	February 1988	25% progress achieved.

Security arrangements for Prime Minister during his recent visit to Amritsar

275. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the necessary security arrangements were made for the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Amritsar ;

(b) if so, what was the number of security personnel deployed on duty during his visit ; and

(c) what was the number of such personnel who entered the Golden